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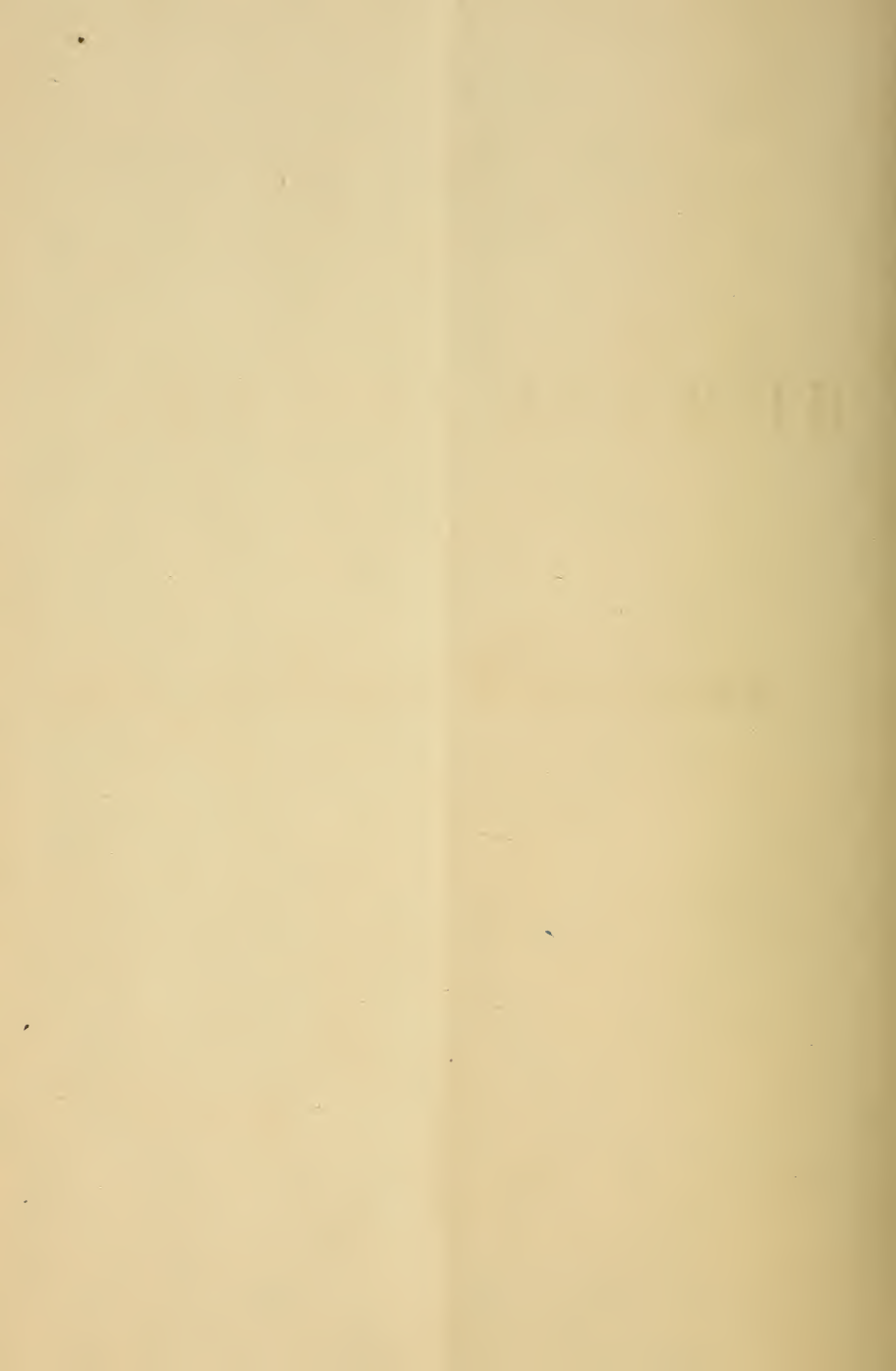
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At the Annual Meeting of the HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE COMMONWEALTH  
OF MASSACHUSETTS, held on the 12th May, 1863, it was

*Voted*, That there be printed under the direction of the Standing Committee of the Trustees, the Rules and By-Laws, with the Charter of the Society, the List of Officers chosen for the year ensuing, and a List of the Stations of the Society's Boats and Huts.

Attest:

HENRY A. PEIRCE,

*Recording Secretary.*

## ACT OF INCORPORATION.

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### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

In the year of our Lord one thousand, seven hundred and ninety-one.

*AN ACT to incorporate and establish a Society by the name of The Humane Society of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

WHEREAS it is the duty of government at all times to countenance and support its citizens in their exertions for alleviating the distresses of their fellow-men; and whereas divers persons have petitioned this Court for an act of incorporation whereby they may more effectually carry into execution their benevolent designs:—

*Be it therefore enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, That the Hon. Thomas Russell, Esq., Jonathan Mason, Esq., John Warren, M.D., Rev. Simeon Howard, D.D., Rev. Samuel Parker, D.D., John Avery, Jun., Esq., Rev. John Lathrop, D.D., Rev. Peter Thacher, Rev. John Clarke, Dr. Thomas Welsh, Aaron Dexter, M.D., and Mr. Nathaniel Balch, together with all those who now are, and such others who shall become members thereof, be, and they are hereby erected into and made a body politic corporate forever, by the name of The Humane Society of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.*

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, That the said Corporation are hereby declared and made capable in law of having, holding, purchasing and taking in fee simple, or any less estate by gift, grant, devise, or otherwise, any lands, tenements, or other estate, real and personal; provided that the annual income of the said real and personal estate shall not exceed the sum of four thousand pounds, and also to sell, alien, devise or dispose of the same estate, real and personal, not using the same in trade or commerce.*

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Corporation shall have full power and authority to make, have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter and renew at pleasure ; that it shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in all courts of record or other courts or places whatsoever, in all actions, real, personal and mixed, and to do and execute all and singular other matters and things, that to them shall and may appertain to do.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the said Corporation may make, establish, and put in execution such laws and regulations as may be necessary to the government of said Corporation ; provided the same shall in no case be repugnant to the laws and constitution of this state ; and for the well governing of the said Corporation, and the ordering their affairs, they shall have such officers as they shall hereafter from time to time elect and appoint ; and such officers as shall be designated by the laws and regulations of the said Corporation for the purpose, shall be capable of exercising such power for the well governing and ordering the affairs of the said Corporation, and calling and holding such occasional meetings for that purpose, as shall be fixed and determined by the said laws and regulations.

*And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid,* That the end and design of the institution of the said Society, is for the recovery of persons who meet with such accidents as produce in them the appearance of death, and for promoting the cause of humanity by pursuing such means from time to time, as shall have for their object the preservation of human life and the alleviation of its miseries.

*And be it further enacted,* That the place where the first meeting of the said Society shall be held, shall be in the town of Boston ; and that the Hon. Thomas Russell, Esq., be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to fix the time for holding the said meeting, and to notify the same to the members of the said Society by causing the same to be published in one of the Boston newspapers fourteen days before the time fixed on for holding the said meeting.

*In the House of Representatives, Feb. 21, 1791.*

This bill having had three several readings passed to be enacted.

DAVID COBB, *Speaker.*

*In Senate, Feb. 23, 1791.*

This bill having had two several readings passed to be enacted.

SAMUEL PHILLIPS, *President.*

By the Governour approved, JOHN HANCOCK.

True copy. Attest, JOHN AVERY, Jun., *Secretary.*

## GENERAL STATUTES OF MASSACHUSETTS,

### CHAPTER 161, SECTION 88.

#### OF OFFENCES AGAINST PROPERTY.

*(Injury or removal, &c., to property of Humane Society.)*

Whoever unlawfully enters any house or hut, the property of the Humane Society, and wilfully injures, destroys, removes, or carries away any food, fuel, oil, candles, furniture, utensils, or other property belonging to said Society, or unlawfully or wilfully enters any boat-house of said Society, and carries away, removes, or injures, any life-boat, car, or any of the ropes, tackle, oars, or any appurtenance thereof, or wilfully injures or destroys, or unlawfully uses or commits any trespass upon the property of said Society, intended or kept for the purpose of saving or preserving human life, or commits any trespass upon such hut or boat-house, shall be punished by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars, or by imprisonment in the jail not exceeding ninety days; but the penalties of this section shall not apply to persons for whose use said boats, houses, and other property are intended and kept. Pilots, commissioners of wrecks, sheriffs and their deputies, and constables, shall make complaint against all persons guilty of any offence under this section.



## RULES AND BY-LAWS.

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ARTICLE 1. The Officers of the Society shall consist of twelve Trustees, of whom one shall be President, two Vice-Presidents, one Treasurer, one Recording Secretary, one Corresponding Secretary. There shall also be annually appointed from the Board of Trustees a Standing Committee of three, to whom shall be committed the general charge and detail of all the Huts, Boats, and Life-saving Apparatus of every kind belonging to the Society.

ART. 2. The Annual Meeting of the Society shall be holden on the second Tuesday in May, but the President, at the request of three Trustees, shall call special meetings whenever the business of the Society requires it.

ART. 3. The Trustees shall be elected by ballot at the Annual Meeting, and shall hold their offices until others are chosen in their stead. They shall be ex-officio members of the Society, providing, however, that any Trustee neglecting his duties for one year and without sufficient excuse, shall be ineligible to a further election as Trustee, and his membership in the Society shall thereupon cease. Upon the resignation of any Trustee or the declining a re-election his membership in the Society shall continue for a period of three years without further personal service.

ART. 4. The Recording Secretary shall keep a fair copy of all the votes and proceedings of the Society, and record all such communications as the Trustees shall direct.

ART. 5. The Corresponding Secretary shall perform all the correspondence of the Society, reporting the same for approval to the Trustees.

ART. 6. The Trustees, a major part of whom shall constitute a quorum, shall have the entire care and management of the concerns and funds of the Society; and adjudge such rewards of merit as they may see fit, agreeably to the rules of the Society; and no moneys shall be paid by the Treasurer without a vote of the Trustees, or an order of the President, or that of the Standing Committee.

ART. 7. All property belonging to the Society, shall be held in its name, and remain in the hands of the Treasurer; and in case of the death of the Treasurer, shall be delivered to the President, until a new Treasurer is chosen. He shall make a full exhibit of his accounts, in detail, annually to the Society, and showing the expenditures and investments of the funds of the Society.

ART. 8. Any person in this Commonwealth, or upon the coast thereof, who shall, by signal exertion or peril, save another from death, may be entitled to receive such reward, not exceeding in value Twenty Dollars; to be paid in such manner as the Trustees may order. They may also, if they deem the interests of humanity promoted thereby, issue Certificates to those persons, who, by great daring and at their personal risk, shall have been instrumental in saving life out of the Commonwealth.

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES,  
ELECTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY,  
MAY 12, 1863.

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PRESIDENT:

HON. DAVID SEARS.

VICE-PRESIDENTS:

JOHN HOMANS, M.D., *retired*  
ROBERT B. FORBES, Esq.

TREASURER:

CHARLES AMORY, Esq. *retired*

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:

REV. SAMUEL K. LOTHROP, D.D.

RECORDING SECRETARY:

HENRY A. PEIRCE, Esq.

TRUSTEES:

HON. SAMUEL HOOPER,  
HON. FRANCIS B. CROWNINSHIELD, *Treas.?*  
J. MASON WARREN, M.D., *retired*  
FRANCIS BACON, Esq.,  
HON. GEORGE B. UPTON,  
WILLIAM AMORY, Esq.

*John Bayley*  
*James Davis* } *new members*  
*N. Mayer*

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## LIST OF STATIONS.

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DIAMOND STAGE, Ipswich River, one mile and a half from the entrance or bar, one boat under the care of Thomas Greenwood.

IPSWICH LIGHT, near the Long Beach, one small boat and carriage, under the care of B. Ellsworth, keeper of the light.

ANNIS SQUAM, Cape Ann, at the light, under the care of N. Parsons, keeper of the light, one boat.

LANE'S COVE, Cape Ann, under the care of W. Saunders, one boat.

ROCKPORT, Cape Ann, near the centre of the village, one boat, under the care of N. B. Parsons.

ROCKPORT MORTAR STATION, under the care of W. Thurston.

GLOUCESTER HARBOR, near the centre of the town, metallic boat, under the care of A. H. Tuck.

EMERSON'S POINT, near Thatcher's Islands Lights, J. W. Marshall, one boat.

MILK ISLAND, near Emerson's Point, a hut of refuge, with supplies, W. Stillman.

MANCHESTER, under the charge of Captain Tyler Parsons, one boat.

MARBLEHEAD, inside the harbor, two boats, under the care of J. S. Goodwin.

SWAMPSCOTT, near Phillips' Beach, one boat and carriage, under the care of Zebedee Small.

NAHANT, on the N. E. side, near the hotel, one boat, handy to launch on either side of the peninsula, in charge of Mr. Luscomb.

DEER ISLAND, Boston, one large and two small boats, in charge of the superintendent, G. E. Payson.

POINT ALLERTON, inside of the buoy and rocks, on the N. E. part of the point, one boat, under the care of J. Cobb.

HULL BEACH, on the inside of the neck connecting Hull with Nantasket, one boat ; also a life car, mortar, hawser, and other means of communicating with a wreck, under the care of J. Cobb.

NANTASKET BEACH, about two miles from Point Allerton boat, two new boats also under the care of J. Cobb.

SIMONS FARM BEACH, North Cohasset, life-boat in care of Thomas Hudson.

PLEASANT BEACH, situated a mile or so from the entrance of Cohasset Harbor, to the westward, one boat, under the care of Captain P. C. Kimball.

COHASSET HARBOR, two boats, near Hominy Point, inside the Western entrance of the harbor, under the care of Alfred Whittington.

GLADES HOUSE, S. side of Cohasset, a life-boat, J. A. Litchfield.

NORTH SCITUATE BEACH, inside of Minot's Ledge and Rocks, one boat, in care of H. H. Sylvester.

SCITUATE HARBOR, near the light, one large metallic life-boat, placed under the care of the Society by the Secretary of the Treasury, and in keeping of the light-house keeper, Mr. Alonzo Jones.

BASS COVE, about one mile Easterly from Scituate town, two boats in one house, under the general care of A. Jones.

FOURTH CLIFF, Scituate, a life-boat, formerly at White's Ferry, J. Tilden.

MARSHFIELD BEACH, a hut of refuge, O. Baker.

MARSHFIELD, inside of Cut River, one large boat, under the care of George Sears.

DUXBURY BEACH, at Powder Point, near the village, one small boat, under the general care of Captain E. Holmes.

PLYMOUTH HARBOR, Western part, one boat, and about one mile and a half to the S. E. of her, on Long Beach, one boat, under the care of J. D. Baxter and T. Manter.

MANOMET POINT, S. of Plymouth Bay, one new boat, C. Holmes.

**RACE POINT LIGHT**, one boat, under the care of Mr. Crocker, keeper of the light.

S. E. of the last, about one mile and a half, is a boat, also under the care of Mr. Crocker.

S. E. of this, about one mile and a half, is a boat, back of the beach under the care of Mr. Atkins.

**PEAKED HILL BAR STATION**.—At this point there is a mortar-station, life-car, hawser, and other means of communicating with a wreck; also, a house of refuge, with fuel, straw, &c.; and, on each side of the station, on the beach, are posts with hands pointing toward the station. These posts are continued for a considerable distance each way, and are for the purpose of guiding the shipwrecked seamen to a place of shelter. Watch is kept here during stormy weather. Captain Atkins, who occupies the first house in Provincetown, in the direction of the station, has charge of it. There is also a surf-boat, lately put there.

**HIGHLAND LIGHT**.—About one mile N. of the light, back of the beach, is an old boat, under the care of Mr. Small. Old and nearly useless.

**NEWCOMB'S HOLLOW**.—About five miles S. of the Highland light is a surf-boat and mortar station, under the care of Capt. Mulford Rich, who has a good surf-boat of his own, at the same station. All the boats, &c., from this point to Race Point, are under the general superintendence of E. S. Smith, Esq., of Provincetown.

**NIGGER HOLLOW**, a boat and hut in charge of Henry Baker, who has charge, also, of Cahoon's Hollow station.

**CAHOON'S HOLLOW**.—About two miles S. of last station, is a hut of refuge and a small surf-boat, under the care of Capt. Henry Baker, who resides about two miles from the station.

**NAUSETT BEACH**.—About one mile S. of the three lights is a surf-boat, under the care of Capt. Michael Collins, keeper of the lights.

**NAUSETT HARBOR**, N. of the entrance, a short distance, is a metallic boat, mortar station, life-car, hawser, house of refuge, &c., under the superintendence of Captain J. Snow, who lives near by.

ORLEANS BEACH, S. of the Harbor of Nausett, one new surf-boat, under the care of D. G. Linnell.

NORTH CHATHAM, in the harbor, near the new opening, one boat, under the care of Capt. Brazilli Stetson.

CHATHAM, a short distance N. of the lights, on the main land, is a surf-boat, under the general care of Capt. J. Hardy, Jr.

CHATHAM BEACH, opposite the town, is a metallic boat, a life car and mortar station, hawser, &c., with a hut of refuge, in which the apparatus is kept; and another hut farther S., all under the care of Capt. Hardy. This beach is fast wasting away, and the first heavy N. E. gale, with high tide, may wash through into the harbor.

MONOMY POINT, one metallic boat and one surf-boat — the latter is near the light, and both are under the care of Asa Nye, the keeper of the light.

NANTUCKET, EAST END, at Kroskaty Farm, one surf-boat, in a hut of refuge, and one dory, under the immediate care of Thomas Dra, who lives at Folger's Farm, near by.

GREAT POINT, inside, near the light, one surf-boat, in charge of the light-house keeper.

SIAM SCONCET, one boat, in charge of Mr. Coffin.

NANTUCKET, WEST END. — At Smith's Point is a hut of refuge and a surf-boat, under the care of D. G. Patterson.

NANTUCKET BAR, a metallic life-boat and house, under the care of D. G. Patterson.

MUSKEGET, boat and house of refuge.

TUCKANUCK, one boat, under the care of Mr. J. P. Dunham.

NANTUCKET. — At the town, in charge of a committee, of which P. H. Folger, Esq., is chairman, and which has charge of all the stations on the island, is a mortar, hawser, and apparatus for communicating with wrecks, which can easily be transported to any necessary point. There are two life-boats on the S. side of Nantucket, a hut of refuge.

CHAPPEQUIDIC, W. side of Tuckanuck Channel, on Martha's Vineyard, is a surf-boat, under care of Thomas Huxford, who lives one mile from the boat, inland.

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SOUTH BEACH, three miles from Edgartown, one boat, under the immediate care of Mr. Stewart.

GAY HEAD, on the inside, 'Northerly from the light half a mile, one boat, under the care of the keeper of the light.

CUTTIHUNK, near the light, on the N. side, two boats, in charge of J. B. Smith, keeper of the light.

Near SQUIBNOCKET POND, S. side of the vineyard near the W. end, is a mortar station, life-boat, under the care of E. Mayhew.

BOSTON LIGHT-HOUSE. — There is, also, a boat at Boston light-house, in charge of the keeper, and one on board of the Nautical School Ship, in Boston Harbor.

Besides the huts of refuge attached to and connected with the boats, there are other huts—one on Tinker's Island, near Marblehead, one at Nantasket Beach, two on Scituate Beach, one at North Chatham Beach, ~~one at Duxbury~~, and two at South Scituate. Mariners are strongly recommended not to attempt landing from a stranded vessel until near low water, and generally to wait patiently until succor comes from fresh and willing hands on the beach.

- 1 Boat at Winthrop near Deer Isle
- 1 Mortar Station at Deer Island
- 1 Boat at Lynn near Nahant beach



## REMARKS OF COMMITTEE.

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It will be seen from this statement that there are eighty Stations belonging to the Society, including Mortar Stations, Life Boats and Huts of Refuge, extending from Ipswich to Gay Head. There are seven Mortar Stations, namely, at Rockport, Cape Ann, Hull Beach, Nausett Harbor, Chatham, Nantucket, Marthas Vinyard.

There are sixty-eight Boats and several Dories.

The utility of these means for saving life has been frequently demonstrated, and many brave seamen and others along our exposed coast have perilled their lives to save their fellow-men, their greatest reward has been found in the reflection that they have done their duty; in acknowledgement of which the Trustees have presented many testimonials in the shape of Medals, also Certificates commemorating the act, and sometimes money is given to those who, from necessity, rather than from choice, prefer a pecuniary acknowledgement.

The Society is indebted to several disinterested individuals, who, for a long time have gratuitously rendered important services in the supervision and care of the Stations, among whom it may not be out of place to mention Captain Ezekiel Jones, of Scituate, Mr. E. S. Smith, of Provincetown, Josiah Hardy, of Chatham, the efficient Committee at Nantucket, and the Superintendents of the Public Institutions at Deer Island.

The Medals now given by the Society are faithfully represented in the appendix, as also a copy of the Certificate. In closing this sketch, the Standing Committee would add that the income of the Society arises from investment of property, the principal of which amounts to \$44,000.

Besides these means, in times past aid has been liberally granted from the State and from the General Government, the amount for the last twenty years being \$7,500 from the State, and \$20,000 from the General Government, which has enabled the Society during that time to increase its apparatus from eighteen Boats and Stations and a few Huts to the present number of eighty. While it would be out of place to compare our humble means with the extensive and costly apparatus of the Royal National Life Boat Institution, established on the coast of Great Britain, it will be seen, on examining the extent of that region and our coast of Massachusetts, that we have one boat for every four and a half miles, while they have one only for every sixteen miles, but the English Society's Boats and Mortar Stations are very closely located at the most exposed points, and the large means at the command of the managers are concentrated so as to have the greatest effect, by which, in the year 1862, no less than 358 lives were saved, and gratuities granted to the amount of about £1000 sterling; in contrast with which, the immunity from shipwreck and the loss of life, on our immediate coast, has been for several seasons quite remarkable.

Finally, the undersigned, while they can plead no immediate want of money, having a small balance of the Government fund on hand, and an income from the invested property, cannot close without reminding those whose benevolent aspirations lead them to look for a place to leave a token of their liberality, that the utility of the Society may be much increased by locating new Stations, and by putting the present property in better condition for service.

R. B. FORBES,

*Chairman Standing Committee.*

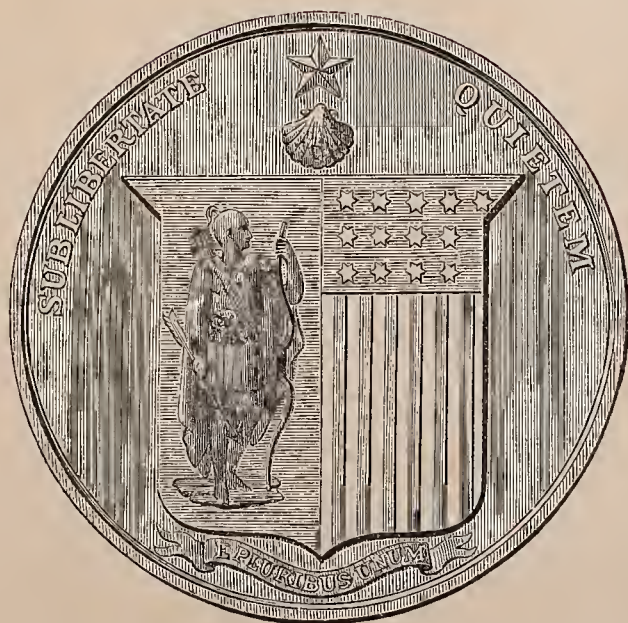




# HUMANE SOCIETY OF MASSACHUSETTS,

INCORPORATED

1791.



FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROMOTING THE CAUSE OF HUMANITY, THE PRESERVATION OF HUMAN LIFE, AND THE ALLEVIATION OF ITS MISERIES; AND OF GRANTING HONORARY TESTIMONIALS AND REWARDS FOR MERIT, COURAGE, AND PERSEVERANCE WHEREVER SHOWN, AND HOWEVER EXERCISED.

*At a Meeting of the Trustees of the*  
**Humane Society,**

*held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 18\_\_\_\_\_*

*It was voted:*

*Entered and recorded in  
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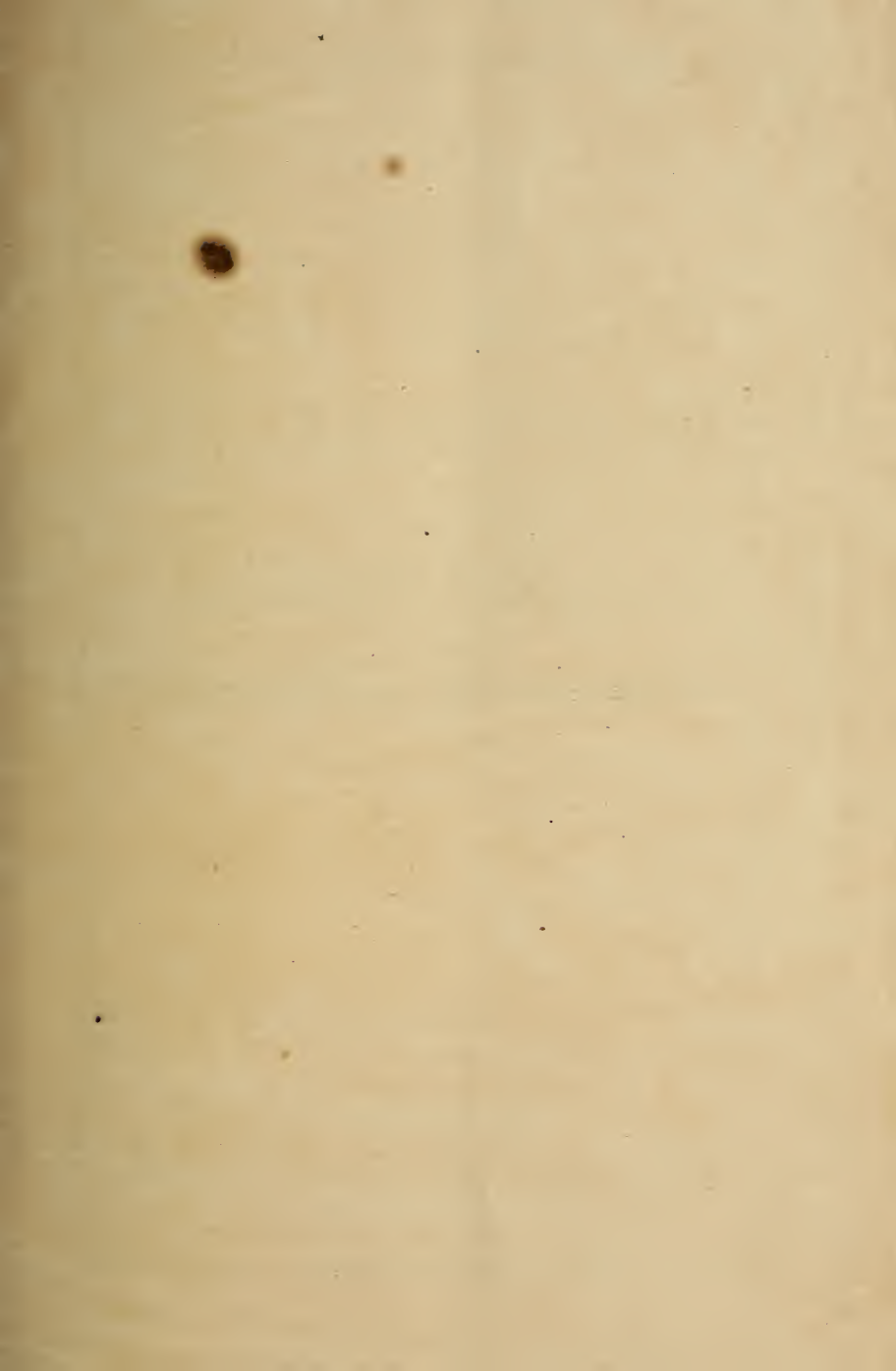
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